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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

Nothing to report.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. SIC has been requested to participate in a course on International Labor Affairs which is being presented at FSI, April 7 - May 2. The program is divided into two sections two weeks on the American labor movement and two weeks on International labor. [] will handle the section of the course devoted to consideration of Communist international labor organizations. [] has arranged informally to participate in selected sessions during the second half in order to broaden his competence in dealing with Communist activities within foreign labor groups.

2. The SIC staff has judged the USIA course, now concluded except for the final problem, to be one of the most difficult of its assignments. The heterogeneous character of the group which I mentioned last week represented only one of the difficulties, although a major one. It has seemed reasonably clear that a few members of the class have regarded these CIA people as interlopers. One in particular assumed the role of self-appointed heckler and has been indefatigable in the performance of this function, providing constant challenges and interruptions. It was so obvious that other members of the group became embarrassed and a few of them actually apologized for this "show-off." I don't believe that he succeeded in tearing the program down, but he certainly made a vigorous effort.

Three of the original enrollees left before completion of the program, one because he felt that he was not learning anything new, and the other two, interestingly, because they felt that this effort represented a hangover of "McCarthyism," an effort to brain-wash them. The student critiques to be prepared today should prove to be among the more interesting that SIC has ever received.

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